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CLUB NEWS & VIEWS

AN OUTSTANDING FEAT

His friends and family are full of praise for Brian Cohen, who is the 17-year-old quadraplegic son of member David G. Cohen, and who recently completed his higher school certificate examinations from a hospital bed.

A former pupil at Sydney Grammar School Brian topped his classes at the Higher School Certificate trial exams.

At Sydney Town Hall recently he was wheeled onto the stage to receive prizes for his outstanding school work. He was awarded the Jackson prize for Mathematics and the Charles Stanley Forster prize for Physics.

Brian's triumph was shared by his school friends and teachers. Students at Sydney Grammar had given their pocket-money to buy Brian a wheelchair and a set of intricate writing gloves.

Tragedy hit Brian when he dived into the water at Bondi Beach, struck a sandbank and was paralysed from the neck down.

He is undergoing physiotherapy at Prince Henry Hospital to strengthen his crippled muscles, but there is little hope of him ever quitting the wheel chair.

Brian, we know the members of this Club join us in congratulating you on your excellent school work and your great courage in having such a high goal.

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PRESENTATION

Sam Peters, a member of Tattersall's for 24 years, has gone into semi-retirement at Burleigh Heads. His friends at City Bowling Club, where Sam has been a member for many years, and also served on the committee, made him a presentation at a farewell party held in his honour recently. A very keen bowler, Sam will, no doubt, be bowling a lot more now.

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CONGRATULATIONS

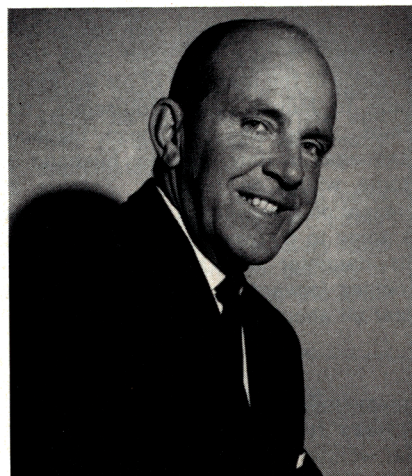
Word from Gordon Wainright in London that his wife Carole has presented him with a bonny bouncing son, Simon John. Gordon has been in London on business for the past 2 years and expects to be away for at least another couple of years. Jack Wainright naturally a very proud father and grandfather. Congratulations to all.

ON THE MEND

The many friends of Bert Miller, popular mine host at the Hyde Park Hotel will be sorry to hear that Bert was "laid up" with a slight illness during the latter part of January. At time of writing he was still taking things easy but showing improvement. Keep it up, Bert, and in no time you'll be back on the fairways and also at your favourite pastime backing winners at the Sport of Kings.

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SECRETARY APPOINTED



The Committee wish to announce the appointment of Mr. J. R. Thomson as Secretary of the Club following his term as Acting Secretary. I am sure all members join us in congratulating Jim on this appointment.

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UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT

Les Hinds fell down some steps resulting in a broken bone in his leg. We understand no breathalizer test was required. We wish you a speedy recovery, Les.

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CONDOLENCES

Members were shocked to hear of the death of John Graham. John had been a most frequent visitor to the Club prior to his illness and will be sadly missed. To his wife and family we extend our deepest sympathy.

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

Members should have received with their annual subscription notice, a memo advising of the new system in regard to monthly accounts. All members have been allocated an account number and it is requested that this number be used in conjunction with their usual signature when availing themselves of the signed card system within the club.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER.

THIS NUMBER APPEARS ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our popular Member, Robert Norton who has just been appointed to the top position in the Dental world. Bob is now the President of the Australian Dental Association, and is a specialist in orthodontia practising in Sydney. The former President, Alan Grainger, is also a Member of our Club. Congratulations once again, Bob, on your distinguished appointment.

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The many friends of Tom Lancey will be happy to hear the good news from America of the marriage of his daughter, Jane to Milton David Rothschild, the Third. Jane, who has been teaching languages in Italy, met her husband in Rome whilst on holidays. Tom is at present on a business trip to Japan, but is going to fly over to the States to see his daughter and her new husband. Looking forward to your return, Tom to hear all about the happy event.

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HOMeward BOUND

News from Russ Williams mentions the wonderful trip he is having. Russ visited Macao by hydrofoil from Hong Kong which carried 150 passengers and took 45 minutes to do 74 miles. He sends his regards to all his friends in the Club and expects to be back about the 18th February. Looking forward to seeing you Russ.

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MUNGO BRUSH

The annual visit to Mungo Brush started last week with a record of 42 members of Tattersall's Club and visitors. This annual event organised by Committeemen Les Tidmarsh and Ron Williams over a number of years is the holiday of all holidays. The full story will appear in the next issue of T.C.M.

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WELCOME BACK

Nice to see Sir Leslie Herron, Chief Justice of New South Wales, recently returned from overseas, enjoying lunch in the Club.

Please note that prints of photographs appearing in the magazine may be obtained by contacting the office.

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CLUB SPECIALS

BY GEORGE
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HOW UNLUCKY CAN YOU BE?

Two members recently experienced bad luck. Brian O'Connor's horse, Rocket Fuel, was narrowly beaten by the barest of margins and was unsuccessful in the protest. Frank Edmonds, owner and breeder of Lowland Prince also had to contend with second prize. Better luck next time, Brian and Frank.

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BACK FROM NEW GUINEA

John Hickey, after two years in New Guinea arrived back to resume practice in Sydney. John had a bad attack of Malaria, but is now fit and well.

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A JOINT VENTURE

Club members, Bunny Durkin and Bill Sinclair have joined forces in building a block of 18 Home Units called 'Durclair' at River Road, Wollstonecraft. Peter Rommel, a nephew of General Rommel is the Architect. Best of luck in your new venture, Bunny and Bill.

ON THE SICK LIST

Club member Ken Drabsh from Rabaul is undergoing a check up at St. Luke's Hospital. Hope all is well Ken and looking forward to seeing you in the Club soon.

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George Tupling is finding the going tough. After 14 operations he finally had a leg amputated. We all express our sympathy, George, and hope that you have a speedy recovery.

DINING ROOM HOURS

Lunch — 12.30-2.15

Monday to Friday

Dinner — 6.00-8.00

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Dinner — 6.00-8.30

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Dinner Dance

Thursday and Saturday

6.30-11.00 p.m.

No children under 14 years of age on Saturday evenings, due to heavy bookings.

HAVE YOU ANY TROPHIES?

Either through personal inspection or through photographs in this journal, all members will now be familiar with the decor of our Sportsman's Room in the basement of the Club. Amongst other things, its atmosphere is established by the use of various "trophies" hanging on the walls and these include such things as animal heads, spears, etc.

However, to properly decorate the room, more of this type of thing is needed and it is requested that any member who may have such trophies and finds no use for them might care to donate them to the Club.

Such things as old firearms, swords, spears, shields, whips, horse brass and similar items would be most appropriate and their donation would be greatly appreciated.

If you are in a position to make a contribution of this sort, either phone the Club Secretary and make arrangements for delivery or simply bring them into the Club office.

OBITUARIES

K. S. H. LIVINGSTONE

Elected 14/7/30

Died 10/1/69

P. G. DOYLE

Elected 11/2/58

Died December, '68

C. S. MACPHERSON

Elected 30/1/47

Died 4/1/69

P. B. JUDD

Elected 29/4/68

Died 3/1/69

H. C. PARISH

Elected 15/6/30

Died 20/12/68

G. J. McNAMEE

Elected 25/3/63

Died 25/12/68

J. T. JENNINGS

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Died 20/12/68

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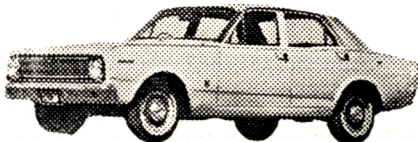


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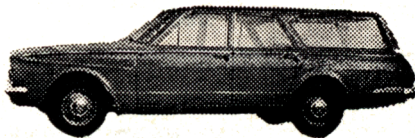
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BOWLING NOTES

Since our last issue of bowling notes in December we had our Christmas get-together at Rose Bay, and a great day was enjoyed by all with trophies for everybody — both winners and losers. There was a record roll up of 62 members plus a number of presidents from the various clubs whose guests we were during the year.

Congratulations must go to our Honorary Treasurer, Mark Barnett, for the worthy effort in selecting such a wonderful range of trophies. The President, Dr. Fuz Porter, wishes to thank all those members who generously donated some very fine trophies to add to the selection.

The 1969 season has begun with the first game taking place at Rose Bay on 16th January, which was won by our president, Fuz Porter, and our esteemed friends Gordon Booth and Tim Anderson. It looks like these boys play better after a spell by winning first up by 24 points.

With all the interesting events coming on we expect this year will be better than ever. Two of the main events which I would like to bring before your notice will be the game against City Tattersall's at Kensington on 27th February and the Australian Turf Bowling Carnival at Brisbane on 9th March. The list for these events is on the first floor at the Club. Please help to make these events a success by placing your name on the notice board at your earliest convenience.

We would like to welcome two new members, Jim Morgan and Stan Neilson. We hope that you will spend some very happy Thursdays with us and become regular attendants.

Happy Bowling to all

JANUARY TROPHY WINNERS
Rose Bay Bowling Club — 16-1-69
H. K. Porter, G. Booth, T. Anderson
24 Points

Double Bay Bowling Club —
23-1-69
H. Williams, S. Neilson, K. Williams
19 Points

GORDON BOOTH
*Doyen of our
 Bowling Club*



Gordon celebrated his 84th Birthday on Friday, January 17th.

Now in his 85th year he continues to roll up each Thursday and notches up his share of wins.

Over the last 20 years Gordon has been actively associated with our Bowling Club. He was foundation secretary from 1948 to 1952 then for the next ten years held the office of president. Now an honoured life member of our Bowling Club he still serves on its committee.

Nice going, Gordon. We congratulate and salute you.

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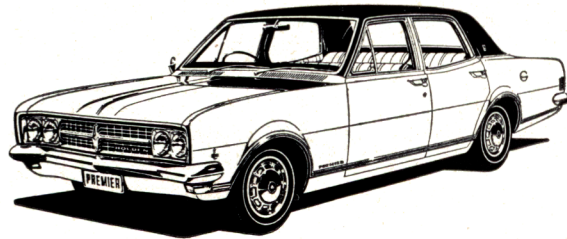
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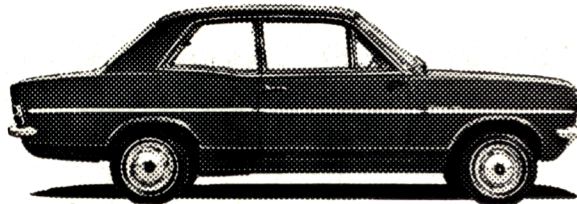
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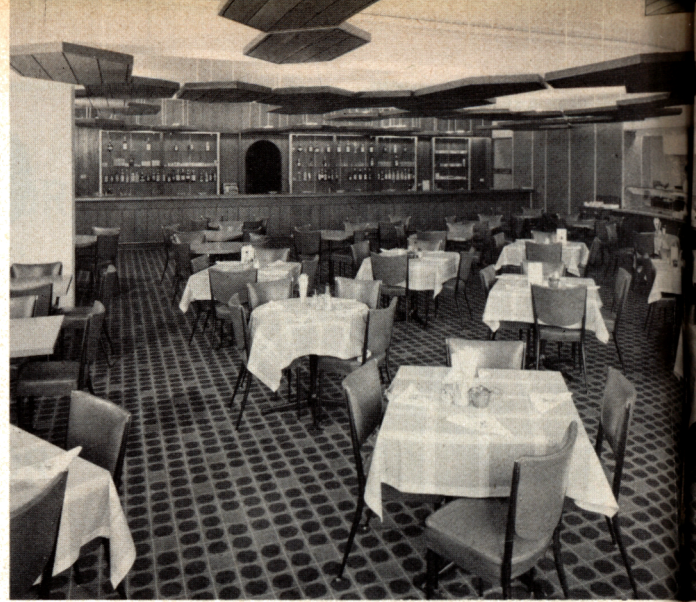
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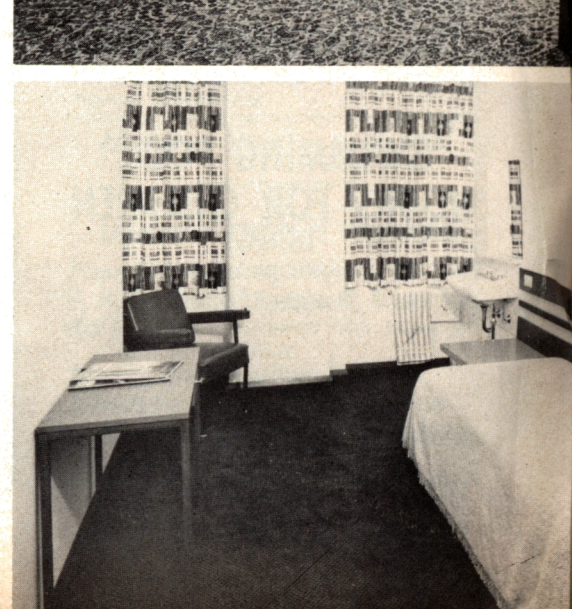
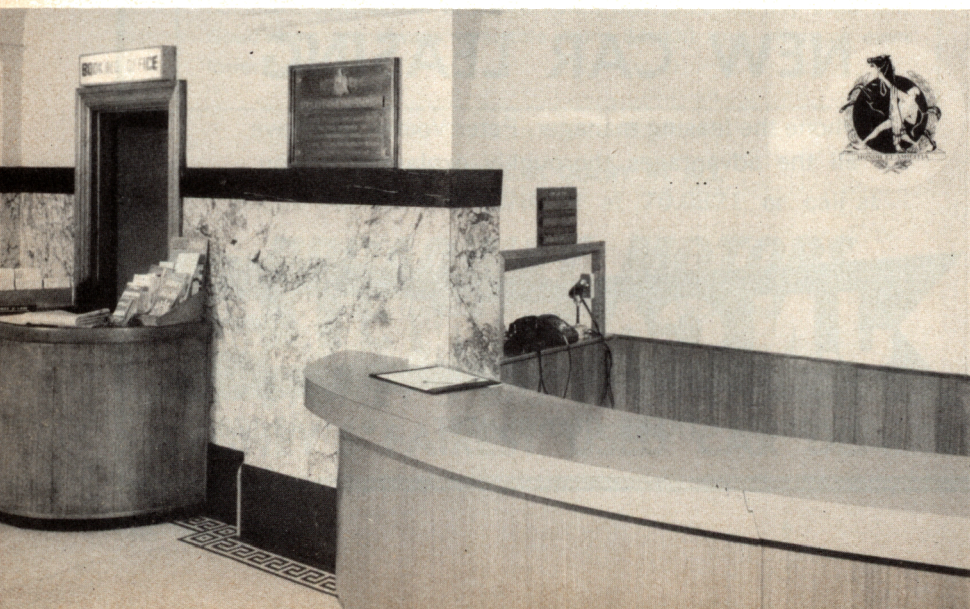
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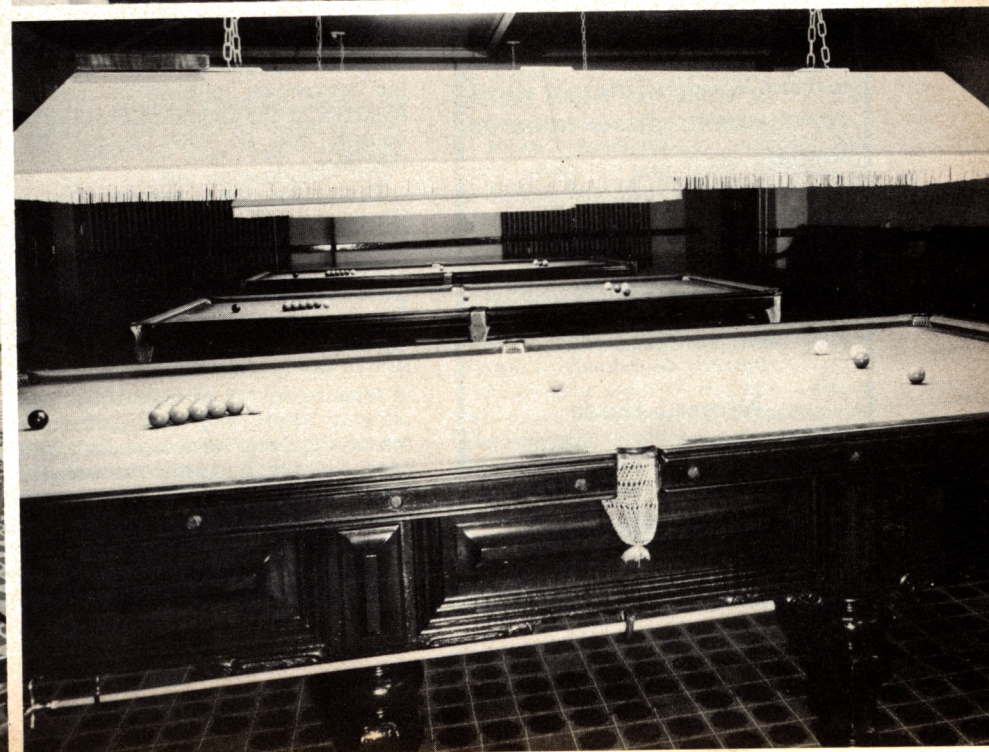
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SWIMMING NOTES

Things are going particularly well in the Pool with average fields of 43 for the 1969 races. The pace is really on and already eleven swimmers have had their handicaps reduced.

Several new swimmers have saddled up and are showing fine form including B. Watson, E. Hooper and B. Upcroft. The first named shone in winning the December-January Point Score which was his first competition.

Norman Rogers got down to 20 secs. for 40 yards but that was nothing compared to the performance of his son, Greg, in winning the 200 metres NSW Championship in under two minutes. No wonder Norm wore that smile of his.

Congratulations to other sons of members — to Bruce Falson who was captain of the NSW Colts Water Polo team, and to Alan Burns on winning a Junior Surf Belt championship.

Popular Don Hay has gone on a six months world trip on market research, and will look in on all of Tattersall's affiliated clubs. Have a wonderful trip, Don.

We wish Dr. Bill Rowe the best of luck on reaching his 40th birthday, and also congratulations to John Keating on the announcement of his engagement.

As most of our members are aware, Terry Gathercole, an Australian championship swimmer, Olympic representative, and Tattersall's Club member, left Australia in December to take up residence in Midland, Texas.

Terry began competitive swimming early and at the age of 19 won his first national championship. His specialty is the breaststroke. In 1956 he swam for Australia at the Olympic Games in Melbourne, and in 1960 at the Rome Olympics.

During the time between the two Olympics he competed in several contests throughout the world. He toured South Africa, Rhodesia and Europe, and competed in both the Japanese and French National championships without being defeated. He set records at the British Commonwealth Games in 1958.

After retiring from competitive swimming in 1960, Terry organised his own team in Sydney. He was chosen as the coach of the Australian swimmers in the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo.

Terry and his family are in the United States on immigrant visas, and plan to become citizens after their five-year visas are up. He said that the hardest

thing about leaving Australia was leaving family and friends.

He has had his team in training since he arrived in Midland. There are 52 members in the 7-15-year-old range.

When asked how he likes Texas, he said, "It is a change from Australia, although much of the United States is a lot like my country. In Sydney it is green the year round, and West Texas is certainly different."

The former world record holder has been appointed chairman of AAU swimming in the West Texas area, and says that "children should spend their spare time doing something constructive. Too many spend their time standing round getting into trouble."

RESULTS

40 yards Hcp. 7th January, 1969: 1st Division Final D. Mitchell (26)1, A. O'Connor (27)2, W. Yewdall (24)3, Time 24.4 secs. **2nd Division Final** C. Hooper (23)1, B. Upcroft (26)2, N. Rogers (21)3, Time 21.7 secs. **3rd Division Final** B. Mortensen (20)1, R. Swift (19)2, P. King (21)3, Time 19.5 secs.

14th January, 40 yards Hcp., 1st Division Final C. Pearce (29) and W. Rowe (26) Dead Heat 1, J. Connery (34)3, Time 27.8 and 24.8 secs. **2nd Division Final** P. Wakefield (21)1, D. Jackson (31)2, K. Glass (24)3, Time 20 secs. **3rd Division Final** B. Watson (30)1, F. Falson (22)2, P. King (21)3, Time 28.3 secs.

21st January, 80 yards Brace Relay Handicap, Final W. Tyler & B. Cameron (66)1, A. O'Connor and J. Devitt (45)2, D. Dind and A. Hickey (56)3, Time 62.5 secs.

Result of December, January, Point Score for the month ending 14th January, B. Watson (24 points)1, J. Connery (22)2, D. Mitchell (20½)3, A. O'Connor, S. Heaton and N. Rogers (20)4, M. Sernack (19½)7, B. Upcroft (19)8, W. Rowe (18½)9, P. King, J. Comans and C. Coppa (16)10; D. Jackson (15½)13.

NATIVE SON POINT SCORE

The leaders in this series for all points scored during the season were, as at 23rd January: A. O'Connor 72, J. Connery 65, N. Rogers 63, C. Coppa 60½, J. Shaffran 51, D. Dind 51, W. Tyler 50½, J. V. Comans 50, P. King 48, M. Sernack 48, M. O'Dea 47½, F. L. Bowes 47½, T. Forrest 46½, B. Phillips 46½, F. Falson 45½, C. Robinson 45½, D. Mitchell 45½.

SIMBA THE LION WHO LOST HIS ROAR

By C. J. Graves

In May 1931 a classy looking chestnut stepped off the flying gib from the hold of the new Zealand trader ship, Wanganui, but his description on the waygood belied his handsome appearance for he was listed as 'an unknown three-year-old gelding' with a value of only \$300.

A man named 'Mr. Smith' took delivery and he was whisked away to an unknown destination.

But despite his inconspicuous advent he was to cause, within a few weeks, the greatest stir in Australian turf history.

A month later a sensational plunge was made on a chestnut three-year-old in a race named the Rothsay Trial at a Flemington Queen's Birthday meeting. He was backed in from 200/1 to start nominal favourite at 7/4. But the quote was indeed purely 'nominal'. The bookmakers stopped betting on the race a quarter of an hour before starting time of the race.

Apparently an organised army of punters had been prepared for the plunge. They were told to back the horse at the first price they saw, and so they went from bookmaker to bookmaker handing out bundles of notes to snap up any odds the ringman quoted, be it in the hundreds or lower.

A witness said the operators must have been armed with \$60,000 in currency. They took whatever bets they could snatch, and long before they had disposed of their great wads of paper money they had exhausted the law of supply and demand. Bookmakers suspected there was something sinister when punters kept grabbing whatever price they offered, and so they stopped shouting the odds. There was a silence over Flemington a quarter of an hour before the race was due to start. The army of punters with its inexhaustible supply of notes had silenced them—for the first time in Flemington's hundred years of bookmaking.

The horse appeared in the racebook as Gagoola, a chestnut three-year-old with a vamped-up pedigree by Yetman, a sire of many country winners in N.S.W. According to the charts he had no form. Everybody, including bookmakers and punters were asking "Who is he?" But nobody knew, except the mystery man who had master-minded the plunge which stopped and silenced the Flemington betting ring. All that was known was that he was ridden by a well known Victorian jockey named Os Phillips, who, five years later, was to create another sensation on the Australian turf when he won the 1936 Melbourne Cup on the 100/1 chance, Wotan.

Like Gagoola, he was a New Zealander.

The race was run and Gagoola appeared to be merely cantering a furlong from home with a pronounced lead, and the bookies were already totalling up their monumental losses when suddenly a challenger emerged from the rear, swept past the mystery horse and went on to win comfortably by 3 lengths.

The winner was Stephanite, an imported English mare owned by millionaire grazier, J. B. Chirnside. She had never raced before and was so unfancied against the huge Gagoola betting thrust that she was allowed to go out at a forlorn 25/1.

It looked as if defeat of the unknown Gagoola plunge had silenced the mystery. And so it did, although only temporarily. But a strange incident after the race puzzled a few of the keen-eyed race-hawks. When Gagoola was unsaddled and Phillips weighed in correctly the man in charge of the horse made pell mell for the nearest gate. He was walking him hurriedly down the Flemington straight when he passed the group of stewards who had just viewed the race, and one of them remarked—"My word. That man's in a hurry to get that horse off the course." He looked at the number in the book and remarked that it was Gagoola who had been beaten in the race just run.

He added—"I've never seen a horse so distressed after a race. No wonder his strapper is in a hurry to get him back to his stable."

And that's how the mysterious Gagoola disappeared into the mists of the unknown—but again only temporarily.

A lot more mystery, disappearances, heaps of burned and charred horse hides and bones were to surface before the Gagoola incident was resolved to its end.

But the steward's remark about the unfitness of the horse as it passed him shortly after the race was an important point to be remembered later, because it turned out to be the sole reason for the defeat of one of the biggest certainties that ever walked on to a racecourse.

A hue and cry in pursuit of the missing Gagoola began when the late Mr. Loddon Yuille, then Registrar of Racehorses and Keeper of the Stud Book began enquiries into the pedigree submitted with Gagoola's entry for the Flemington race. It followed a Customs court case in which fines had been imposed for evading full duty when the mystery horse from New Zealand was wrongly described as worth only \$300. So apparently the meanness of the operators over this trifling pinch-

penny transaction involving a \$60,000 betting plunge was to prove their undoing.

Mr. Yuille was able to trace him back to the identity of a performer of some prowess in New Zealand named Simba. Before his underhand sale to Australia he had won three races and run second in two others, the last second being to Tenterden in a weight-for-age event at Hawkes Bay. So it can be envisaged what the schemers had in view ringing in a weight-for-age place-getter as a maiden in a Flemington restricted event.

Mr. Loddon Yuille's New Zealand enquiries traced Gagoola back to Simba. He had been recommended to a buyer by a well known New Zealand trainer Jack Jamieson, who had since settled in Australia as a likely winner on Australian courses. The purchaser was a Sydney sporting identity who at the time ran the city's biggest two-up school at 1500 gs which was a pretty stiff price for those times. But he didn't buy Simba to race as Simba here. He made the deal under the lap and there was no official receipt. The intention was to 'Ring him in as a maiden in Australia.'

So, Simba, a brown, was dyed chestnut, and he it was who turned up aboard the Wanganui on that May morning of 1931 as Gagoola, the horse of no pedigree and no performances.

Gagoola's failure to win his race with such enormous advantages was of course due to the failure of his trainer to thoroughly fit him for his race. This trainer who, probably like the horse, was a 'Ring-in', possibly feared that a display of his real superiority in a track trial might foil the whole plot or at least lead to a diminution in the odds marketable on race day.

Thus he kept him 'in smoke' to such an extent that he went out unfit for the job ahead, and added to his difficulties was a rain-soddened track.

When investigations reached the point where he was really believed to be Simba, the owner, C. Guest, was requested by the AJC to produce the horse for official inspection. He replied that he was out spelling, which was probably fact, for he needed time to shed the chestnut coat which had been superimposed on his original brown.

Eventually charred remains were in two cases submitted for inspection as Gagoola who had been destroyed as a result of an accident. To close the case the Victoria Racing Club took final action in the Gagoola case. Owner C. Guest and horse were disqualified for five years. And neither was ever seen again on the Australian turf.

HANDBALL NOTES

WINOOKA TROPHY REACHES SEMI FINAL

New Draw as follows:

R. Lipman
v.
W. Hannan

R. Hill
v. Syd Kay 41-31
S. Kay

W. Sellen
v.
W. Yewdall

M. O'Dea
v.
M. Schroeder

F. Allsop

The matches preceeding the Semi-Finals resulted in some wonderful finishes.

Fred Allsop continues to show grand form and his win over Peter Barnes by 41-37 was a great one indeed. Following his defeat of Des Kearney in his previous match Fred came up against some strong opposition in Peter Barnes. However, Fred rose to the occasion and in the finish ran out the winner by a narrow margin and gained himself a place in the semi-finals. A great effort, Fred.

Max Schroeder and David Keating staged a good match. The scores favoured Max 41-32 at the finish but it was much closer than the scores indicate. David made a good showing and with a little luck could have been much closer. To Max go our congratulations. Max will meet Michael O'Dea in the semi-finals and will give a good account of himself — so look out, Michael.

Both Syd Kay and Robert Hill have entered the semi-finals after close wins over Don Stait and Frank Burns. They played their match a few days ago and this resulted in a win for Syd Kay over Robert Hill by 41-31. It was a very good win for Syd and must give him great heart for his next couple of games. Syd showed wonderful form stroking the ball hard and confidently all the time. He wore Robert down with his consistency and thoroughly deserved this victory.

Bill Sellen and Bill Yewdall both had nice wins to make the semi-finals. Bill Sellen defeated David Morrissey fairly comfortably by a margin of 6 points, the scores being 41-35, and Bill Yewdall had a very close win over Charles Robinson by 41-38 after a very tense

struggle. The semi-final between the "two Bills" should be worth watching.

Robert Lipman and Bill Hannan also reached the semi-finals. Robert had an easy victory over Ralph Davies by 41-29, whilst Bill faced much sterner opposition in Stan Heaton and he had to pull out all his handball knowledge to win a very close match by 41-37.

This has developed into a very keen competition and it will need the eventual winner to produce his very best handball to gain victory — May the best man win.

Good Idea Tournament

Now that the Winooka Trophy is nearing completion our secretary, Norman Rogers, wishes to keep his men happy and in top condition. With this in view he has posted details of the "Good Idea Tournament" on the notice board and entries are now being taken. So, put your names and phone numbers on the notice; and Norm asks that when you enter to please play your matches promptly.

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BIGGEST DISPERSAL SALE OF ALL TIME

The sale of Asian syndicate's racing and breeding stock on Jan. 31, has been hailed as the biggest dispersal following disqualification in turf history, but there was an even more extensive auction when two famous Victorian owners and a trainer were disqualified in 1924.

This followed the famous Purser case which was opened when he won the 1924 Caulfield Cup landing a betting plunge of over \$200,000 after he had finished among tail-enders in the Coongee Hcp. at the same track only three days before. All parties were rubbed out for a year including the jockey Hughie Cairns who rode Purser in the Coongy.

Purser was owned by Alan G. Tye and Jack Corteen, the former a leading breeder, and Corteen, Victoria's biggest punter.

The trainer was Cecil Godby, who, at the time had the biggest and most successful stables in Victorian history.

There were 60 race-horses to be sold and as in the case of the Asian syndicate embraced a Derby winner, Heroic. The Asian owners had just won the Victoria Derby with Always There. The Godby stable had just won the Sydney Derby with Heroic owned by Messrs Tye and Corteen. And because of the disqualification he could not run in the Victoria Derby and Melbourne Cup to be run a fortnight after disqualification. For these races he would have ranked as a certain victor, which made the punishment a cruel blow for those concerned.

The Godby sale was arranged for the following March to catch inter-state visitors for the Newmarket and Australian Cup double at Flemington and 10,000 people turned up at the parade on the Sunday and on Sale day, Monday, there were 15,000 milling round the marquees and the Godby stable grounds just behind Caulfield racecourse.

Heroic was knocked down at 16,000 guineas to Martin Wencke a hotel-keeper, but this sale was not approved by the VRC and later the horse was auctioned at Newmarket, Flemington for 16,000 gns. The purchaser was C. B. Kellow and this sale was approved.

It was the highest price ever paid for a thoroughbred in Australia up to that time, but what a bargain Heroic proved.

The horse was transferred to the stables of Jack Holt known as "the Wizard of Mordialloch" for his many triumphs and already becoming the boom trainer of a great era in Melbourne's turf. Heroic was set for the

Newmarket of that year, and linked in doubles with Pillie-winkie embracing the Australian Cup. Pilliewinkie was raced by the late Sir Samuel Hordern and he and Mr. Kellow put their heads together to back the pair for £250,000 in doubles.

Heroic carried 9-8, a huge weight for a four-year-old, but with a terrific burst of speed over the last furlong, he won the race by two lengths and Pilliewinkie easily carried out his end of the contract.

That huge betting plunge ruined many doubles bookmakers and set many others back on their haunches — to the extent that double betting was cut to a minimum for some years after Heroic and Pilliewinkie had scraped out the bottom of the barrel.

Heroic was a great racehorse who could both sprint and stay. The writer saw him win a Caulfield two-year-old event in February 1924. With 10-2 on his back on a heavy track he strolled in.

On retirement he also proved the most successful stallion of his time, and

his stock earned more than half a million dollars in prize-money and put him at the head of the Australian Winning Sires' list for seven successive years.

He sired Ajax, winner of 18 races straight including the Newmarket with 9 stone as a three-year-old. Second or third generation Australian bred stallions rarely succeed, but Ajax was an outstanding success at the stud, siring a Derby winner and an Epsom winner Achilles, and went to America where he also made a great name in breeding annals.

Heroic won 21 races and \$76,123 in prize-money when stakes were about a quarter of their present value. Ajax did even better with 37 wins and \$81,740 in prize-money.

In the next issue of our Magazine we will describe the important part played in the development of Heroic from almost an outlaw to an obedient race-horse by Mr. Leo O'Sullivan, jockey, trainer and owner who has been a member of Tattersall's Club for 28 years.

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